



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

REPLY TO ATTENTION OF:

DATE: APR 23 1991

FROM: Colleen Hart, U.S. EPA

TO: Craig Smith, E & E, Inc

RE: Drum Removal at Birch Road

Please provide the attached letter to Metropolitan Environmental for review and approval of the content, especially with respect to whether or not they are P listed wastes or TSCA regulated wastes based on the sample data. If the results are regulated wastes, the U.S. EPA would become a generator, therefore, this issue needs to be looked into further prior to sending this letter.

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Mr. Bill Karpas
c/o CID
P. O. Box 1309
Calumet City, Illinois 60409

Dear Mr. Karpas:

As per a phone conversation of April 4, 1991 with Colleen Hart of my staff, I am writing this letter to authorize our contractor, Ecology & Environment, Inc., along with their contractor, Metropolitan Environmental to sign any paperwork on behalf of the U.S. EPA regarding the removal of drums that were generated from a hydrogeological study at the Birch Road Site in Northwest Indiana.

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HSLA
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The Birch Road study was in response to residential well contamination found during the Remedial Investigation (RI) at the MIDCO II site. The following materials to be disposed of, generated from the study, are: general refuse, subsurface soils and empty drums. These waste products were a result of the installation of the monitoring wells. Based on the sampling results of these drums, which formerly contained purged well and decontamination water, they are considered to be non-hazardous, and do not contain any P listed or TSCA regulated wastes. *the general refuse* Therefore, the U.S. EPA would allow the disposal of these materials into a Subtitle D landfill, such as the CID No.2 landfill.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in this matter. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call Colleen Hart, of my staff, at 312/886-3009.

Sincerely,

William D. Messenger, Chief
Pre-Remedial Unit

cc: C. Smith, E & E, Inc.

if subsurface soils are also considered to be non hazardous.